

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Norihiro NISHIMOTO *et al.*
Title: TREATMENT OF VASCULITIS WITH IL-6 ANTAGONIST
(*AS AMENDED*)
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2009. A petition for a one month extension of time, and the required fees, accompanies this submission, making timely the response.

Amendments to the specification begins on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: